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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 remain pending herein.

Claim objections

The Examiner has objected to phrase "a radiation-curable, pressure-sensitive adhesive layer" in claims 1 and 9. This objection is believed to be moot in view of the amendments to claims 1 and 9, which now recite a "radiation-cured, pressure-sensitive adhesive layer". Note that this terminology is consistent, for example, with method claim 22.

The Examiner has suggested the use of the phrase "a radiation-curing pressure-sensitive adhesive layer". It is believed, however, that this phrase may be understood by those of ordinary skill in the art as meaning that the adhesive layer is capable of "curing radiation", which is clearly not the case.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-12, 15, 17-19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Brown et al., U.S. Patent Appln. Pub. 2003/0197197 ("Brown"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and its supporting remarks.

For example, claim 1, the only independent claim presently rejected is directed to an organic electronic device structure comprising: (a) a first portion comprising a substrate and an organic electronic device region disposed over the substrate; (b) a second portion comprising a cover and a getter region; and (c) a radiation-cured, pressure-sensitive adhesive layer disposed between said first and second portions and adhering said first and second portions to one another, said adhesive layer being disposed over the entire organic electronic device region and at least a portion of the substrate.

Brown, on the other hand, teaches that the getter material can be provided within the adhesive region, if desired, or elsewhere. Paragraph 0016.

With respect to providing the getter material "within the adhesive region", the getter in claim 1 is clearly not provided within the adhesive region.

With respect to providing the getter material "elsewhere," paragraph 0070 describes a getter material 118, which is provided within an OLED structure 110 as illustrated in Fig. 4. However, unlike claim 1 of the present invention, in which the

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adhesive layer is disposed over the entire organic electronic device region, in paragraph 0070, the adhesive layer 130 is in the shape of a ring, which creates a space between the organic electronic device region and the getter material.

Because the exact configuration of claim 1 is not taught by Brown, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is improper.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Brown are respectfully requested.

Moreover, to the extent that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Brown is contemplated, it is further noted that the assignee of Brown (Universal Display Corporation) and the assignee of the present application are one and the same. 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) reads as follows: "Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person."

Statement concerning common ownership

In this connection, and in compliance with M.P.E.P. 706.02(I)(2), it is submitted that Application No. 10/648,763 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0197197 A1) were, at the time the invention of Application No. 10/648,763 was made, owned by Universal Display Corporation or subject to an obligation of assignment to Universal Display Corporation.

Allowable subject matter.

Claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base and intervening claim.

Hence reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of claim 20 are requested.

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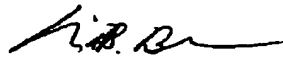
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims of the present invention are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

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